

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee - December 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Mitchell. Supervisor Tortomasi led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair William Mitchell, County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings (arrived at 8:35 a.m.), Keith Harenda (left at 10:48 a.m.), Mareth Kipp, Carl Seitz (left at 10:35 a.m.), David Swan, Jean Tortomasi (left at 11:00 a.m.)

Staff Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Malueg, Sheriff Dan Trawicki, Jail Administrator Mike Giese, Inspector Bob Johannik, Deputy Inspector Steve Marks, Business Mgr. Tom Koth, Architectural Services Mgr. Dennis Cerreta, Lieutenant Robert Doffek, Detectives Maggie Herrmann and Todd Ladwig

Approve Minutes of November 11, 2005

Motion: Seitz moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 11/11/05. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Executive Committee Report by Bill Mitchell for Meeting of November 14, 2005

Mitchell reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on 11/14/05.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 16. Mitchell said he'd have to see if there are any ordinances for a meeting. Swan said the City of Waukesha Common Council would be meeting on Tuesday, December 6 to vote on the transit contract with Waukesha Metro.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-089 Accept Homeland Security – Exercising Program Funding and Modify the Emergency Preparedness 2005 Budget to Appropriate Grant Expenditures and Revenues

Malueg said this ordinance is to accept a grant in the amount of \$28,156 with the purpose being to conduct a full-scale exercise in Waukesha County. Actually the exercise was already conducted on October 27, 2005. He stated everyone agreed that it was a terrific learning experience and a number of areas that need improvement were identified.

Motion: Cummings moved, second by Seitz, to approve Ordinance 160-O-089. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-088 Modify Sheriff Department 2005 Expenditure Budget by Transferring Operating Expenditure Authority to Fixed Assets for an Additional Secured Holding Cell at the Huber Facility

Trawicki reviewed the ordinance, which authorizes the transfer of \$27,000 due to savings generated by the purchase of less expensive hardware solutions for the jail expansion facility. The funds will be used to construct an additional holding cell at the Huber facility. Trawicki said they've tried to come up with the funds for this holding cell for the last year and now it is possible. The Public Works Department will manage the project.

Motion: Seitz moved, second by Tortomasi, to approve Ordinance 160-O-088. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Correspondence

Trawicki reviewed two fund transfers that will be going to the Finance Committee on December 7:
1) transfer of \$122,316 for the Vehicle Replacement Plan which was undercharged in 2005 and higher than anticipated gasoline expenses require a \$25,000 transfer for a total of \$147,316; and
2) transfer of \$62,093 for costs for expansion of the inmate phone system which were left out of the project plan.

Status Update on the New Jail

Trawicki, Giese, Johannik, Marks, Koth, and Cerreta were present for the update. Cerreta said they walked through with the building inspector yesterday. He went into every room and looked at everything. Cerreta said they're very close and Wednesday will probably be the day (December 7) for occupancy. Mitchell asked what is the transition plan (how long does it take to move everyone over, etc.)? Trawicki said the females will be the first to go, and there is a plan in place for everyone else. Giese said once they get occupancy, there is a plan for moving computers, installing county phones and inmate phones, and then they will start with the females, probably 15 at a time.

Demonstration on Sensitive Internet Crimes

Sheriff Trawicki introduced Doffek, Ladwig and Herrmann, who go on-line and look for the people who are preying on children. Trawicki said this is something that strikes at the core of our community and at the most essential natural resource that we have which are our children. They've been very open and upfront in telling people what they are doing, and he believes it is having a positive impact. He is very proud of what is being done in the department. He said it is a vital part of what they do, and he wants to expand this area. The detectives do this in addition to their regular duties. A handout entitled "A Guide to Internet Safety" and three related brochures were distributed.

Ladwig said a lot of what they do is with Internet predators. They focus on adult males and females who solicit children under the age of 18, more specifically under the age of 16 for the purpose of sexual meetings in Waukesha County. Predators don't have to seek kids out at public places anymore. They have access right to everyone's home over the Internet. Most kids are on-line between 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (right after school), which is when the predators are on-line as well. Ladwig and Herrmann gave a power point. Some of the areas they covered are as follows: instant messaging, which is more spontaneous than email or chat rooms; the kind of person who goes on-line (predators); how a case begins; undercover operations; entrapment; factors considered in assessment of predisposition; evidence of intent; statutes commonly used (948.075, 948.055, 948.07, 948.11) – all felonies; and a review of two case studies with excerpts of conversations with two predators, as well as a taped telephone conversation.

Seitz left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Herrmann gave pointers on how to minimize the chances of an on-line predator victimizing a child:
1) keep computers in a common room in the house not in the child's bedroom or in the basement,
2) limit access to certain websites, 3) use of chat rooms should be heavily monitored, and 4) check on-line accounts periodically. The bottom line is supervision by the parent is key.

Harenda left at 10:48 a.m.; Tortomasi left at 11:00 a.m.

Swan said education is very important but when is the best time to make kids aware? Ladwig said netsmarts.org has a lot of good information on the subject.

Motion to adjourn: Swan moved, second by Cummings, to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.
Motion carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mareth K. Kipp
Secretary

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